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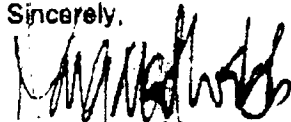
Dear Ms. Hesse:

I support the proposed settlement agreement in the United States v. Microsoft case – or, at least, my understanding of it. As a consumer, small business owner and publisher, I believe this proposal will result in more competition and greater innovation among computer makers and software developers.

There are important remedies in the settlement such as the establishment of a Technical Committee and a uniform price list. Consumers and software developers can use non-Microsoft software within Windows, making it easier to add or remove Windows software. They can also remove features such as the Internet Explorer web browser, Windows Media Player and Windows Messenger. These and other options do not totally satisfy all of those concerned about the litigation, but they are a good compromise that will allow Microsoft and its competitors flexibility and encourage new product development.

My own business has been impacted by current economic slowdown as has the computer industry. It is past time to end the litigation and get technology companies back to developing new products – developing and then advertising them! Innovation and competition will return our nation to a strong position in the global economy.

Sincerely,



Margaret Webb  
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